



Grayson Highlands State Park Mouth of Wilson

"Grayson Highlands State Park offers outdoor enthusiasts a vacation to be remembered. The 4,500 acre park has hiking and horse trails, beautiful mountain vistas, wild trout streams, vivid fall colors and mountain music, all at an elevation that beats the summer heat!"

Green Statement: "We are a conservation agency. We understand the benefits of conserving our environment for future generations.

"We work to enhance wildlife habitat. We also encourage park visitors to use the recycling bins. We offer educational programs to schools about the importance of recycling and reducing our environmental impact."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Campgrounds

- ☒ **Recycling.** Virginia Green facilities must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle. This facility pledges that they:
 - Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: plastic bottles, aluminum cans
 - The campground also recycles: office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
 - Recycling bins are located adjacent to the dumpsters in the campgrounds. During festivals, temporary bins are put out for aluminum and plastic recycling
- ☒ **Reduce solid waste.** The facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:
 - Track overall solid waste costs

Registration / Office

- Online reservations of campsites.
- Fully electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Printed materials are on recycled content paper and 2-sided
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies

Shower Houses / Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

Snack Bar / Camp Store (if applicable)

- Provide/sell only reclaimed firewood recovered from the park to prevent spread of disease, etc.
- Sell environmentally-friendly products
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste

Buildings and grounds

- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

☒ **Use water efficiently.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its water use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs

Shower Houses / Restrooms

- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Have installed on-demand or tankless hot water heaters

Snack Bar / Camp Store (if applicable)

- Have an effective landscape management plan that utilizes native species
- Have installed rain barrels
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

☒ **Conserve energy.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its energy use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

Heating and cooling

- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system

Hot Water

- Installed on-demand or tankless hot water heaters

Lighting

- Optimized use of natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Have installed LED Exit Signs

Appliances and electronic devices

- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages
- Recycling bins are provided for the visitors at all events held in the park

For more information on Grayson Highlands State Park, see http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/gra.shtml or contact Harvey Thompson at graysonhighlands@dcr.virginia.gov or 276-579-7092.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Attractions** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for **Green Attractions** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.viriniagreentravel.org or <http://staging.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx>.



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